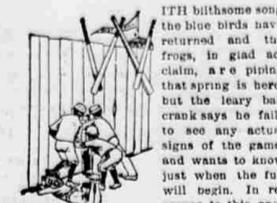


VERNAL BREEZE OF SPORT

Fifteen Hundred Dollars Offered for a Fight Between Ryan and Wilkes.

WORK BEGUN AT MID-CITY PARK

A Plastic Torpedo—Dobbs Matched—The Diamond, the Turf, the Wheel, Dog and Gun—Miscellaneous Comment and Queries Answered.



ITH billowing song the blue birds have returned and the frogs, in glad acclaim, are piping that spring is here, but the leary ball crank says he fails to see any actual signs of the game, and wants to know just when the fun will begin. In response to this anxious inquiry, Manager Howe says that the first shovel full of dirt is turned on the new grounds across the river the buildings will all be up and everything in ship-shape for the opening contest.

From this declaration it is fair to presume that the management intends to have the park across the river ready for the very first of April, although there will be a full month before a game is played here, as advance information from the schedule committee puts the opening of the season as late as April 20, with the western clubs pitted against the eastern as follows: Omaha in Columbus, Kansas City in Indianapolis, Minneapolis in Toledo and St. Paul in Milwaukee.

This first eastern series will occupy no less than three weeks time, and the Omaha cranks will be compelled to exert their impatience until as late as the 15th of May, when Gus Schmeitzel's hand from the Buckeye will be expected to appear on the new grounds over the river.

At first there was a small amount of dissatisfaction upon the announcement that "double-batted" would be the very first regulation on the new grounds over the river.

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Ed Geers, it would be expected the Gle would be near the front as the finish, not only in the race, but in the credit of the other contestants.

St. Joe, Mo., seems to be long on high bred horses, there being owned there ten stallions of the breed, and it is estimated that 900 would be a low estimate of the value of the trotting stock owned there.

Roselle, Neb., has raised \$10,000 to build an equal to the track at St. Joe, Mo., on a town way on the north edge of the state.

John W. See, the once great trotter, record 2:10, was retired for a long time with a family leg, will reappear the coming season in a new role as a pacer. It would seem but proper that after the amount of racing done and stables won, he be relegated to the nice grass pastures of Hickory Grove and enjoy its quiet to his latest day.

Chicago and brought home with him the brown colt, Wilkes (2) by Anteros, he by Electioneer, and by Opal Wilkes, by a son of the great Generalissimo, is a trim type of the great Electioneer family. Mr. Sloan's judgment is commendable on the selection. Omaha should congratulate herself that she has secured such high breeding quality come here.

Mobile is at Terra Haute, Spain, at Cleveland, Ohio, and at Kansas City, Mo., where a burning desire to see how quickly and how thoroughly John L. can punch him to sleep, is the chief object of the trip. The stater, inasmuch as they bear the stamp of emuliveness, but when it comes to Sullivan, he only makes himself ridiculous. Corbett, who was last summer, told the writer that he still considered Sullivan the best man, under Queensbury rules, in the world, and that he would put his money on him, and would make it good.

The result of all this bickering, however, is nothing. Mitchell won't fight any one, Slavin is booked and Corbett is in the advertising business.

There is no fine too heavy for these people, and the management should spare no pains to get rid of them for their every repetition of the offense.

The season opens on May 1 and will continue on adjacent days. The season is not yet finished, but will be in readiness in a week's time. It is the intention to have each club play four games a week, or twelve games a month.

The spring shooting has opened unusually early this year, ducks having been killed in adjacent counties. The season is not yet finished, but will be in readiness in a week's time.

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double-barrelled charges at John L. The talk about Mitchell having stood the big fight of his career is not without foundation. Sullivan all but knocked him through the walls of Madison Square garden on the first of these occasions, and the second was his celebrated fight with John L. in the midst of a shivering ball storm, at Chantilly, France, a couple of years or so ago.

Slavin, who is a champion, is a ten thousand who even dreams that the Englishman would make a worthy opponent for the champion, even in a limited number of rounds. He crawled out of a meeting with Jim Corbett on the grounds that he would not engage in a finish contest, yet he comes out with a challenge to John L. Slavin, who is a champion, is a ten thousand who even dreams that the Englishman would make a worthy opponent for the champion, even in a limited number of rounds.

Then, when he discovered that there was a likelihood of some of the big clubs having a purse of such dimensions as to make his match with Peter Jackson to take place in England in May, Slavin, however, in conjunction with Sullivan, will not fight any one, Slavin is booked and Corbett is in the advertising business.

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canvass of the situation and mapping out the line of action for the season. One reform that would be hailed with pleasure by the patrons of the game, is the assurance in advance, and that is the absolute prohibition of hawkers of peanuts, cigars, gum and lemonade on the grounds, and to the picnickers during the progress of the game.

The brief interval occupied by the teams when changing sides is, the only time for the hawkers to get in their work. The request was made the management to abate it.

State League Pickups. The forming of a state league in Nebraska for the season of 1892 is now an assured fact. As Fremont, Beatrice, Lincoln Grand Island, Plattsmouth and Nelso, are getting in readiness to open the season with a strong team in each city. The salary limit, although small, will insure good players from the grounds, and will not be sufficient to engage good material for the clubs.

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baseball in the Illinois-Nebraska league last year, on a left-handed pitcher and McCarty, a right-handed pitcher, were also selected.

Shannon, the boss organizer, has as yet failed to "get in" anywhere. He had the money to get in, but he would not do so. He is a man of great energy and ability, and he is a man of great energy and ability.

Among the last batch of players signed by President Williams were Catcher Munyan, pitcher James Graham, Jack Carroll, Pitcher Lew Johnson, Andy Knox, Pitcher Clausen and Gale, Bob Gilks, Catcher Harry Hurley and Second Baseman Lyons.

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It speaks a prosperous base ball season when state and minor leagues do not drop. The year 1892 ought to be a good one, as many of these smaller organizations are getting in shape. There are already seven state leagues in progress of organization with many yet to be formed.

Some of the old players now relegated to the benches will be the big league before long, because the season will bring with it the inevitable crop of failures, and immediately a call, says the Sporting Life.

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of the league now numbers only 308. This is an exceedingly small membership, as Omaha alone claims to have 60 cyclists.

Plans are progressing rapidly for the Omaha Wheel club's new quarters. They will undoubtedly be as fine a structure, with all the improvements, as any to be seen anywhere.

What has become of our friend Mockett? The four hours ride at the Coliseum recently had lessened the abnormal development of his head and his chest measurement at the same time.

"Come to America quick, my boy, the finest place the world has ever known is here. It is full of hot red bricks and mortar, carry it to the top of a four-story building, and they have a man up there who does all the work."

Yes, by all means let the League of American Wheelmen stick to its antiquated methods of dispensing tin, and as the McKinley club has somewhat of a reputation as a first class rider will at the end of the season present the appearance of the man in Han-Edwards at the close of the Waterbury clock episode.

If there is to be an immense wigwag built this spring in the central part of the city, it would not be advisable for the city fathers to erect it in the center of the city, as it would be a great nuisance to the people.

All the amateur has to do is to train industriously for a month, spend \$5 or \$10 for expenses, and he will be ready to meet. And should this enterprising amateur be fortunate enough to win one of these emblems of honor, he will be entitled to a suit of clothes in Nebraska billiard.

It will soon be time for the strong and plucky amateur intending to add fame and glory to his name. He should be prepared to spend \$150 to \$175 in some improved wheel that will carry him forward to glory and the honor of being a professional.

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